



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

**Special Open Meeting Notice
June 1, 2006**

To: Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Lieberman
Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz
Commissioner Wright

From: Chairman Box

Date: May 23, 2006

Re: Consumer Education and Protection in Illinois' Changing Electric Markets

I am pleased to announce a Special Open Meeting to be held on June 1, 2006 at 10:30 A.M. in the Commission's Chicago office, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite C-800. This will be the first in a series of policy discussions to conduct a dialog with interested participants about the future of the Illinois electric market and steps the Commission could take to enhance consumer education and protection in the new market environment. The first meeting will focus on trends and forecasts in energy prices and electricity rates in the United States. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a common knowledge base about the underlying circumstances Illinois consumers will be facing in the foreseeable future.

A senior representative from the Edison Electric Institute will discuss trends in electric rates across the United States. A senior representative from the U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Information Administration will discuss generation fuel costs and environmental compliance costs.

Questions, answers and specific information will be used to develop the framework for future meetings. Additionally, the Commission will be seeking comments from interested parties through a set of questions to be posted to the ICC's website. Future meetings will be held to solicit input from interested parties to present options and recommendations for aiding consumers in coping with anticipated rate increases, both in the short-run and into the future. Options for consumer education and protection should consider alternatives both on the supply and the demand side of the market while taking into account the existing market structure. A schedule for future events will be posted to the ICC's website shortly after the initial meeting.

Any questions should be directed to Michelle Mishoe at 312.814.4088 or mmishoe@icc.illinois.gov. Please allow 2 hours for this meeting.